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PRIOR \$2 PER MONTH.

Arrivals.

Feb. 1, OSAKA, Brit. bk., 527, Leslie, London 13th Oct., General—JOHN BURD & Co.
Feb. 1, LEMSONA, North Ger. bk., 403, Urich, Shields August 29th, Batavia 27th December, and Anjer 23rd, 600 tons Coal—BOUJAL, HUBNER & Co.
Feb. 1, HONGKONG, North Ger. bk., 334, J. Claver, Bangkok November 14th, 8,000 piculs Rice—MILCHEN & Co.
Feb. 1, GLENARTNEY, Brit. str., 1,067, Bolton, Calcutta 17th January, and Singapore 25th, General, JARDINE, MACLEHORN & Co.
Feb. 1, MATILDA ATHELING, Brit. bk., 675, Wexford, Cardiff 10th September, Coal—MESSAGERS MARITIMES.
Feb. 1, THIRSEY, North German bk., 364, C. Jensen, Hamburg 5th August, General—E. SCHELLHAAS & Co.
Feb. 2, HINDOSTAN, Brit. str., 988, Miller, Calcutta 17th January, and Singapore 25th, General—D. SASSOON, Sons & Co.
Feb. 1, RAPID, for Bangkok.

Certificates.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE,
1ST FEBRUARY.
Oreitz, for Manila.
Rapid, for Bangkok.

Parcels.

For Parcels, etc., from Shanghai.—
Mr. and Mrs. Wild, Messrs. Jones, Smith, Newmarch 3 European deck and 10 Chinese.
For Shanghai, etc., from Manila.—
Messrs. Sims, Brown, Alexander, Dr. Collis, 2 European deck and 19 Chinese.
For Madras, etc., from Calcutta, &c., 72 Chinese.
For Générat, etc., from Calcutta, &c., Mr. and Mrs. Whittall, child, and European nurse, and Messrs. Nash, Langton, Shaw, Stewart, and 150 Chinese.

Reports.

The British steamer "Glenartney" reports left Calcutta 17th Jan., and Singapore 25th at 10 a.m., experienced strong N.E. monsoon and heavy sea to arrival, February 1st, at 7:45 p.m.

The British steamer "Sassoon" reports left Musia 23rd January, had strong N.E. monsoon and high sea, attended with heavy squalls and rain to arrival.

The N. German bark "Hongkong" reports left Bangkok on 14th November, cleared the Gulf on the 17th, had strong N.E. monsoon and high sea, 240 miles from the Equator, which find weather with Westerly breezes; passed Gilolo passage 23rd December; experienced a heavy gale of wind on the 9th January, in lat. 3° N., long. 158° E., with a tremendous high sea, and continued equally for four days; passed the Babes 28th January, from whence moderate monsoon, but cross sea, till arrival.

The British bark "Stanfield" reports left Sunderland on 14th October, had light variable winds on the Channel; off Eddystone Light 23rd August; had variable and favourable winds to the trades, in lat. 31° N., long. 19° W.; then N.E. trades to the Equator, which was crossed 23rd Sept. in 15° W.; then had strong S.E. trades to 23° S. long. 23° W.; then variable winds to the Cape of Good Hope, which passed in 39° 16' S. on 23rd October; then strong N.E. and N.W. winds to St. Paul's on November 7th; had variable winds to Achuar Head, and 20° S. on 2nd December; then the South China Sea, through the Malacca Straits, equally weather and wind from all quarters; arrived at Singapore on 15th December, 16° again on 17th; had moderate Westerly winds to Macassar Straits on 23rd December, then light variable winds and heavy rains; made Manly Islands on 12th January; had squalls and rain with heavy cross sea to the Bosphorus; on 20th January had a very heavy gale from the N.W., veering to the N.W. and lasting 12 hours, and a heavy sea; then had fresh N.E. breezes till arrival.

The British ship "Carras" reports left Cardiff on 12th October, had variable weather and N.E. trades to the Equator, which was crossed in 25° W. on the 11th Nov., then fine S.E. trades to the Cape of Good Hope, passing the meridian of which on the 7th December, in lat. 42° 24' S.; then had Northernly winds to St. Paul and Salvador Bay on 7th January; made Oranay Passage 11th January; had strong S.E. trades to 20° S. on 26th January; had strong N.E. monsoon and a heavy cross sea across the China Sea to Pedro Brantes, after which had light monsoon till arrival on January 3 at 8 a.m., 111 days out. Spoke the British ship "Adri" from Cardiff bound to Japan, 118 days out, in lat. 15° N. and long. 132° 18' E. on January 17th.

The North German bark "Lemsona" reports left Hamburg on 2nd October, had variable winds to Star Point, which was made in 9 days, then strong S.E. winds to the N.E. trades 33° out to the Equator, which was crossed 4th November in long. 29° W.; then good S.E. trades to 27° S., and from thence Westerly winds to the Cape, 49 days out, passed in 48° S.; then moderate Westerly wind and fine weather to 90° E.; passed St. Paul's (74 days out), on 15th December, from thence S.E. trade to 27° W., then variable winds and N.W. monsoon to the Ombay Passage (94 days out); passed Manica Straits and Gilolo on 11th January, (101 days out), then equally bad weather from the N.E. to N. to the Babes on 29th January, then moderate N.E. monsoon till arrival.

The North German bark "A. E. Vidal" reports left Liverpool 1st Sept., had favorable winds to the Equator, crossing it 16th October in long. 32° W., after which had S.E. trades and fine weather to the Cape of Good Hope, and passed on 15th November in 42° S., ran the easting down in same parallel. Arrived at Anjer 20th December, laid eight days at Batavia 2nd January, left on the 28th December; through the Java Sea had equally N. Westerly winds till the Babes Straits, then light variable winds through Gilolo Passage; after which fresh, wind to the Polow Islands, on 10th January, had a heavy sea, and equally weather from the N.E. and very high sea, lost several sail, and encountered very heavy weather. Then moderate and fresh N.E. monsoon to the Babes Islands, made 23rd January; then fine N.E. monsoon till arrival. On the 4th January, spoke the North German bark "Hercy" in lat. 4° 16' S., and long. 124° 14' E., from Sumatra bound to Amboyna. On the 6th January, in lat. 4° 16' S., and long. 123° 10' E., spoke the North German bark "Lemsona" from Batavia bound to Hongkong. On the 11th January, in lat. 2° 56' S. and long. 134° 31' E., spoke the British bark "Matilda Atchell" from Cardiff, bound to this port; 127 days out.

(For continuation of Shipping Reports see third page.)

Auction Sales To-day.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Sundry Articles.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Sundry Articles.

Banks.

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CAPITAL—Rs. 2,500,000, in 25,000

Shares of Rs. 100 each;

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It is proposed to establish in Shanghai a Limited Banking Company, with the above title, in the belief that there is no other room, but actual necessity, for the additional facilities which such an institution will afford to the large local, coasting, and foreign trade which centres in this port.

The great extension of steam communication both by sea and river, and the creation of telegraphic connections, since the existing Local Bank was founded, have greatly added to the importance of Shanghai, until it has become the greatest, or second greatest, banking centre in North and Central China; but while it seems desirable that Shanghai should be the head-quarters of the new Bank, and its direction on the spot where the principal interests are involved, a local Committee will be formed in Hongkong for the promotion of the undertaking there.

The success of other public companies in Shanghai and Hongkong, and of a large sum of money seeking investment in China, encourage the belief that the proposed Capital for this Bank will be readily subscribed, and by influential men who have already been formed into a committee and supported by the shareholders and supporters of the existing banks.

J. S. LAMONT, Superintendent.

The list of charges for lighting or remitting vessels can be obtained from

Messrs. NOOTZ, LYALL & CO., Hongkong.

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W. H. COOPER, Auctioneer.

THE above granite floored DOCK, of the following dimensions viz: Length, 300 feet, Breadth at Bottom, 40 feet, is capable of receiving Vessels drawing 12 to 17 feet, as the Tides will allow. The Dock must draw 12 feet, and is pumped out by Steam.

The dock premises comprises a large Machine Shop, containing a

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LARGE OAKEN WOODEN TRUNKS, &c., &c.

STEAM TUG BELTING, asbestos, &c.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

230 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1872.

Docks.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

1. PORT OF AMOTY.

2. REPAIRING AND SPARING VESSELS

3. CLEANING AND PAINTING IRON SHIPS AND STEAMERS.

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the constitution of these Colonies. The
foundation of the grievance is the autocratic
position of the Governor, and upon this is
built an office of abuse which persons who
have not resided in a Crown Colony would
scarcely believe to exist in any British posses-
sion. Unfortunately, institutions founded
with the philanthropic object of abasing
mankind do not find favour with your true
British, who contents himself with protecting
oppressed cattle and horses, or if he thinks of
the human animal at all, limits his care
for his species by a consideration of his own
wants and wishes, and those of his immediate
neighbours. On the whole, then, the
true Briton is remarkably solicitous regard-
ing our goodness, and regarding the liberties
of the brutes, but the morality of horses and
pigs and the good Government of Hongkong
are alike subjects of indifference to him. If
we wish, therefore, that the case of Hong-
kong be properly represented at home, we
must look outside the Societies of the British
public. In fact, we ought to organize an As-
sociation to work in London, like the Straits
Association, in correspondence with a branch
in the Colony itself. No one seems to know
exactly why the old Hongkong Association
came to an end; but there can be no good
reason why it should not be reorganized.
It seems to be the only way of doing what is
required to be done. Our public meeting is
a manifest failure. The party to our memorial
was a mere shunfie; the present Commission
is a mere pretence. Such a result must
always attend mere demonstrations in a dis-
tant Colony backed by a steady working
Association. The demonstration hardly be-
comes known to the public at home, and those
to whom it does become known, the
Ministers of the Crown, are careless of its
import, and only anxious regarding the re-
putation of their nominees. The disappointment
at the failure of the demonstration is
bitter; and the steps taken in consequence
ought to be prompt. There appears to be
only one method likely to be successful, and
that plan should be adopted without delay.

The Jury List for the present year was
issued yesterday by Mr. Lester, Sheriff.

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

LONDON, 30th January, 1872.

THE "ALABAMA" CLAIMS.—Increased anxiety is felt at home respecting
the Alabama Arbitration.

The Spanish have captured an English
Schooner at Cobs, for landing contraband
goods.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 2ND, 1872.

It has often been said that railway accidents
will never be regarded until some heavy Di-
rector is killed by one of them. On a similar
principle, the late alarming illness of the
PRINCE OF WALES has given an impetus to
sanitary science at home, which may have ex-
cellent results, and which suggests the pro-
fane aspiration, "O si sick omnis!" Per-
haps most calamities, if they were only great
enough to be universally known, would be
found to bear useful fruit in drawing atten-
tion to the causes which may at any moment
produce more of the same nature. Certainly,
we should scarcely have had a public meeting
on the Police question, and perhaps not even
a MacDonnell Commission, but for the knock-
down robbery of Mr. Taitman, which brought
police matters directly to the notice of the
community. And perhaps the thorough
disorganisation which characterises the public
service of Hongkong might, if thoroughly
exposed, before the British public, have a
beneficial effect on the Colonial service
generally so far as regards Crown Colonies,
by directing attention to the radical errors
of the system, and the luxuriant growth of
abuses, which springs from and indicates
them. Of course, the supposed Director, the
PRINCE OF WALES, Mr. Taitman, and the
Colony of Hongkong, would have equally
strong objections to constituting the corpos-
e of the respective experiments, but at all
events no one can be blamed for extracting
good if possible from unfortunate occurrences,
and on this principle, however much Hong-
kong may regret that its condition is perhaps
worse than that of any of the Crown Colonies,
it can have no objection to the best use
being made of its misfortune, for the benefit
of all, including itself. There are not many
ways, however, of bringing the subject to
the knowledge of those who care very little,
and know less about the manner of
administering government in these depen-
dencies of the Crown. It is open to our
Legislative Councilors to protest against
abuses, but their protests do not go beyond
the Crown itself, the source of them all. It
is open to the Community to call public
meetings and pass unanimous resolutions
and memorials, but then is the same limit
to the influence of these. It is nearly im-
possible to get hearing of the real sovereignty
of this realm, British public opinion. All
else is apparently useless, for though we
obtain a Commission we find out by degrees
that it is precisely the Commission we never
asked for and did not want, and that it has
been saddled on us apparently in response to
our requisition, while in reality it is to clear
the existing administration in the eyes of the
Crown before its place be taken by another.
How, then, are the grievances of the Crown
Colonies to be brought to notice? If we have
a special moral subject like Gambling
which sprouts at home who have
ready ears for any complaint or moral
questions: This is all very well, and we feel
very grateful to the British public for taking
such excellent precautions lest the poor
Chinaman be led astray to our pecuniary
advantage, but after all, we want something
more than this in the way of assistance. If
a man complains of headache it is no doubt
an excellent thing to advise him to read the
Decalogue, but at the same time he feels
disappointed if his kind physician can't
prescribe a more worldly remedy. No doubt
we are very sinful, and we are pleased to find
that people take so much interest in our
sins, but still we are also very awkwardly
situated otherwise than morally, and we find
that no one regards this part of our
fortunes. If we could only induce some
Association or Society for the prevention of
evil government to cast a glance this way,
we could produce a sight that would set it
agitating at once for a radical reformation in

the colonies and directory for 1872.

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dying," and died in a few minutes afterwards. The prisoner, on being arrested, admitted his guilt. Some evidence was taken, and he was remanded until next Monday. Brown and Milwood were schoolboys together, and until recently were on terms of great intimacy.

A widow wife died yesterday in St. Bartholomew's Hospital from injuries inflicted upon her by her husband. She had asked him for money, upon which he reviled her, and at length ended the weary warfare with a blow, which beat an eye-ball, and fractured all the bones around. It is not known with what this terrible injury was inflicted. The poor woman has lingered since the 24th ult., until death came yesterday "out of" to her sufferings. Her husband, Richard Cox, is in custody.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from the 1st page.)
The British steamer Hindoo reported left Calcutta on 17th Jan., and Singapore 25th at 4.30 a.m., experienced strong N.E. monsoon and high sea till arrival on Feb. 2nd, at 7 a.m.

The British bark Gothic reports left London on 15th October, and the Downs on the 16th; had light N.E. trades to the Equator, which was crossed on 15th November, in lat. 23° 30' W.; then fresh S.E. trades to 20° S., after which variable winds to the Cape; passed the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope on 3rd December in 49° S.; had variable wind until Timor Passage on 12th January; made Gilolo on 17th January; 21st and 22nd, in 10° N., 103° E., experienced a gale of wind, which blew hard, and very high sea, near the Banda Islands on 29th January; and Formosa Island came sight; had strong N.E. monsoon and high sea across the China Seas; made Tiaon Passage on 31st Jan., and at 9 a.m. on 1st February came to anchor.

PHOSPHORIC LIGHTS.

A series of interesting experiments with a phosphoric light under the direction of the Commissioners of Northern Lights, was made by the *Seaman*, conducted from their steamer *Pharos*, in the Firth of Forth. This light, if brought into use, would supersede the ordinary lime light now universally used as danger and other signals in the naval and mercantile services. The phosphoric substance is contained in a tin lamp, holding about a pint, and being bent so as to take up the top and bottom of the lamp is opened. The lamp is then suspended by an ordinary piece of wood, which is thrown into the sea. A bright light immediately flashes up, and continues to burn very brilliantly for upwards of three-quarters of an hour. The light was also exhibited from the masthead of the *Pharos*, by placing the lamp in a small can containing water, constructed for the purpose.

It is expected that the light will be serviceable in the position of a lighthouse at night. While the experiments were being made, the *Pharos* was going at full speed. From the masthead lamp it became evident that the engine of the steamer stopped and reversed, and a boat lowered, to the time when the buoy and light were picked up, only three minutes elapsed. Some odd apparatus is said needful for use by the drivers of railway vans in these foggy evenings. Whatever may be the result of these experiments, these who are to drive at the same rapid pace, will be a foot passenger is knocked down by one of them. It does not always happen that he is killed on the spot, he is sometimes fortunate enough to escape with the fracture of one or both legs, or his ribs; it not, of course, to be expected that the driver of the van will condescend to pull up his horses, descend from the vehicle, and personally ascertain the extent of the injuries he has inflicted, but he might think it better to do so, than to run over the man who thus suffers his fate. This would enable the police-constable or duty, when in the course of his beat he arrives at the scene of the accident, to drag the injured person to the pavement, where he might lie until he can be conveyed to a hospital or mortuary or a stretcher.

The *Journal de Genève* states that a young bank clerk, who had abandoned St. Petersburg in 1787, had been found at the Hotel des Belles Artes. He arrived there a few days back, and was continuing in great style, giving himself out as a Russian nobleman on his travels. When arrested he had 140,000 francs of the sum stolen still in his possession.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

FEBRUARY 1st, EVENING.
There has been no change in the position of the drug market. The following are the ruling prices: Patna Rs. 650 to 800; cash and credit; Benares, Rs. 500 to 650; cash and credit; Malwa, Rs. 625 to 650.

FEBRUARY 2nd, MORNING.
No change at present.

The 1st Uptown sale of this year was held at Calcutta on the 4th ultimo, when 2,000 chests old and new Patna and 1,575 chests old and new Benares were sold at the following rates:—1,655 chests new Patna sold highest Rs. 1,470, lowest Rs. 1,445; average Rs. 1,452/411; 345 chests old Patna sold highest Rs. 1,470, lowest Rs. 1,430; average Rs. 1,452/411; 252 chests old Benares sold highest Rs. 1,445, lowest Rs. 1,425; average Rs. 1,433/13.2; 623 chests old Benares sold highest Rs. 1,415, lowest Rs. 1,385, average Rs. 1,390/10.3. The result shows an advance on the average of last sale of Rs. 6.15 for Patna, and Rs. 17.55 for Benares. Soon after the sale prices receded a little, and they again as soon rallied to the rates ruling at the sale, since which the market has been firm, with various and large fluctuations. There is good demand for old Benares, but there are but few sellers. Quotations are—Old Patna Rs. 1,422; old Benares Rs. 1,420 per chest; new Patna Rs. 1,455; new Benares Rs. 1,445 per chest. The steamer Hindoo and Glenartney carry as under:—

Hindoo—1,310
Singapore—125
Penang—5
S. or Hongk.—45
P. or H.K.—208
P. or Sing.—345
1,698 chests.

Glenartney—for Hongkong.... 805
Singapore.... 225
Penang.... 37
S. or H.K.... 110
P. or Sing.... 345
1,698 chests.

SHARES.
Hongkong Bank Shares, Old—67 per cent. premium.
Hongkong Bank Shares, New—65 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, new shares—\$100 per share premium.

China Merchants Company's Shares—\$1,500 per share premium.

China and Japan Marine Insurance—Rs. 150 to 175 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$160 per share premium.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$732 to \$737 per share premium.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$62 per share premium.

Victoria Insurance Company's Shares—\$65 per share premium.

Hongkong, and Whampoa Bank Company's Shares—25 per cent. discount.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—32 per cent. premium.

Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—Rs. 162 per share.

China Seas, Saigon, and Straits Steamship Company—old—50 per cent. discount.

China and Straits Steam Navigation Com-

pany—25 per cent. discount.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$65 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—52 per cent. discount.

Hongkong Distillery Company—10 per cent. premium.

Indo-Chinese Sugar Company—\$25 per share discount.

Hongkong Pier and Godown Company—\$10 to 9 per share discount.

EXCHANGE.

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, ...—
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/5
Credits, at 6 months' sight, 4/5
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/5
Bank Bills, on demand, 4/5

On 1st Nov.—
Private 5 months' sight, ...

On 1st Nov.—Bank, 3 days' sight, 21/4

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Extracts.

The Pleasures of Kungming.
The following letter has been published in America.—To the Editor of the *Orion*, Sir.—As Joaquin Miller is now expected to arrive in Portland, I deem it my duty to say a few words in his behalf to the people of Oregon. I have received many letters from different sources requesting me to disclose as much of his conduct towards his children as I will. Although I feel that these things concern no one on the face of the earth but my children and me, still he belongs to the world now, and I have remained silent until remarks have been carried so far as to make my children subjects of idle gossip, and deem it right now to ask a tree of charges and accusations, and request of you to hold the post and receive him in a manner that will give due tribute to his genius and success. Mr. Miller has earned a fame, and an appreciation of his efforts should be awarded him. He is a man of literary culture and research, he has read constantly, industriously, and had command of the very best of literature, ancient and modern. It had been his sole ambition for years to go to Europe and acquire a literary fame. His feet, justly said, that he was gifted, and his mind being of a fine poetic structure, and his brain very definitely organized, the coarse and practical duties of providing for a family and the novelties of children conflicted with his dreams and literary whims. So, when he wrote me that he would be absent in Europe five or six years, and in the meantime I need not expect to hear from him often, as he should be very busy, I asked for and obtained a divorce in the Courts of Lane County, and your singer was loosed and free, and no longer chained to the amorous caress of a family. He could give his whole attention to his poem. I myself sympathized with him in his desire to have time and money to "tame with the Muses" and cultivate his taste and interest for literature, and I feel that all poets and writers will also sympathize with him. I did not intend that my misfortune should be publicly known. Illness overtook me in Portland, and by irregularities of the bills and accidents we were cut off for a time from communication with our friends. My younger brother was with me, and I did not ask for assistance; but by accident my friend found me. I must ever remain grateful to them for timely and generous assistance; but they can bear me witness that I made no public complaint, and the charges made against Mr. Miller were not made with my knowledge. I was much surprised to see them as any one. If, in five years of labour and complete isolation from my relatives and its world, I worked with him, and not even my nearest neighbour or closest friend heard our complaint or murmur from my lips; if, through that long winter in Portland I sewed habutai day after day and night after night as long as I was able, passed the offices and residences of our mutual friends, who were leading and wealthy people, and chose rather to let my babes come upon the verge of starvation than to blemish his reputation by letting my circumstances be known, it is not likely that after the day of hope came, and all was over, I should publicly make known what I had tried so hard to conceal. As I said before, Mr. Miller felt that he had gifts of mind, and if his system of economy was rigid and hard to endure it was, at least, a success; if he needed all his money to carry out his plans I am satisfied that he thus used it. The bitter experience of the past cannot come again. My babes lived through all, and I am more than satisfied. I am grateful, and all is well. The absurd statement of the Eugene Journal that I had indignantly returned money that Mr. Miller sent me is incorrect; and his informed men are as economical of truth as they are of affection for their own flesh and blood. It would be a sad time to show indignation towards a father when his babes were suffering for the necessities of life. Joaquin Miller does not claim that he has ever sent a dollar to his children, or provided anything for them in any way, from the time of his leaving Oregon until about two months ago, when he sent me \$25. He has sent \$50 to Mrs. L. Cooke for my little girl, and \$25 to my mother, who has the care of my younger children. He will doubtless make explanations which will be satisfactory to those interested when he returns. It is true, that I had a home with my widowed mother, but the place was dreary and secluded, and there was not a church or school-house within 50 miles of my mother's home. So I did not dare to proper place to educate my children, and I tame away, bringing them with me, which was contrary to the decree of the Court which gave the two elder children to the care of my mother. As I brought them away, he was released by law from caring for them, and I have no reason to complain nor can anyone have justly. Two hundred dollars a year alimony was allowed, but as it was not secured you will readily see that Mr. Miller was entirely released from any obligation. The marital relations between Mr. Miller and myself dissolved, but that does not prevent our holding our precious babes in mutual love and protection; and although there are many false sentiments in society in regard to these things, I beg the privilege of exercising my own judgment in regard to my duty towards the father of my children and my children. As we are both mortals it would be affliction in me to profess to take upon myself all the blame, but I ask to bear my full share. The many who feel an interest in him are of more consequence than the few who know and love me, and henceforth I could have you deal only with him as a poet and author. Pronounce your judgment upon his books. Know him by his epic heroes. No mortal man can go beyond himself in any conception. When he attempted to be only strikes against the border of his imagination and rebounds further back, and when man attempts to image a god he takes a step back and puts upon the shoulders of his god wings which belong to a lower order of creation. Good sometimes comes of evil; the most deadly pistol exhilarates a delicate perfume, and our separation and sorrows produced the poems of "Myrt" and "Even So." If I have, after all, recovered my health, and sometimes smile as others do, I feel that I have some kind of apology. If I am not to-day the shadowy, faded woman that might be expected, I beg pardon; and as if a stoic editor writes, I must go down the stream of life alongside of Lord Byron, Mrs. Bulwer, and the obstreperous wife of the author of *Eos*, let that be my punishment. —M. M. Miller, Salem, Oregon, November 5, 1871.

The Graph of the Press.
("My Wife and I," by Harriet Beecher Stowe.)

Having thus provided against being drawn down and utterly swamped in the bread-and-butter struggle that was before me, I sought to gain a position in connection with some paper in New York. I had often under consideration from several of them, The conductors of the *Moral Spouting Horn* had conversed with me touching their projects, and I had also been furnishing letters to the Great *Democracy*, and one of the proprietors had invited me to a private dinner, I suppose for the purpose of looking me over and trying my paces before he concluded to purchase me. Mr. Goldstick was a horrid, middle-aged man, with a slightly bald head, and easy cordness of manner, and that air of comfortable patronage which men who are up in the world sometimes carry towards young aspirants. It was his policy and his way to put himself at once on a footing of equality with them—easy, jolly, and free; justly thinking that thereby he gained a

more unguarded insight into the inner citadel of their nature, and could see in the easy play of their faculties just about how much they could be made to answer his purposes. I had a chatty, merry dinner of it, and found all my native shyness melting away under his charming affability. In fact, during the latter part of the time, I almost felt that I could have told him anything that I could have told my own mother. What did we not talk about that is of interest in these stirring times? Philosophy, history, science, religion, life, death, and immortality—all these were the most graceful off-hand treatment, and were discussed with a singular unanimity of sentiment—that unanimity which always takes place when the parties in a discussion has the controlling purpose to be of the same mind as yourself. When, under the warm and sunny air of this genial nature, I had fully expanded, and confidence was in full blossom, came the immediate business conversation in relation to the paper. "I am rejoiced," said Mr. Goldstick, "in these days of scepticism, to come across a young man with real religious convictions. I am not, I regret to say, a religious professor myself, but I appreciate it. Mr. Henderson, as the element most wanting in our modern life." Here Mr. Goldstick sighed and rolled up his eyes, and took a glass of wine. I felt encouraged in this sympathetic atmosphere to unfold to him my somewhat idealized views of what might be accomplished by the daily press by editors as truly under moral vows and consecrations as the clergymen who ministered at the altar. He caught the idea from me with enthusiasm, and went on to expand it with a vigorous use of imagery, and to illustrate it with a profusion of illustrations, which left me far behind him, gazing with admiration at the complete regeneration of society. I ventured to remark that the same object had been stated to me by the *Moral Spouting Horn*. His countenance assumed as once an expression of intense disgust. "It is possible," he said, "that the charlatan has been trying to get hold of you? My dear fellow," he added, drawing near to me with a confidential air, "of course I would be the last man to intrude on the courtesies due to my brethren of the press, and you must be aware that our present conversation is to be considered strictly confidential." I assured him with fervour that I should consider it so. "Well, then," he said, "between ourselves, I may say that the *Moral Spouting Horn* is a humbug. On mature reflection," he added, "I don't know but duty requires me to go further, and say, in the strictest confidence, you understand, that I consider the *Moral Spouting Horn* a swindle." Here it occurred to me that the same communication had been made to the Governor by the report of Mr. Gray, observes that "so much misapprehension exists in England with reference to the employment of these islands that he would suggest the appointment by the Imperial Government of a Commission to examine into and report upon the whole subject." Mr. Gray's report was forwarded, with other documents, to the Colonial Office; and the Earl of Kimberley, in a despatch of the 5th of July last, informed the Governor that he would appoint such a commission "if your Government will make provision for the expense." If anything more has passed upon that subject, it is not in the official correspondence recently issued.

Insurances.

DRESDEN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR SEA, RIVER, AND LAND TRANSPORT, DRESDEN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed General Agents in China for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks and insure policies of Insurance at the current rates of Premium.

CARLOWITZ & CO.
General Agents in China,
6m 2193 Hongkong, 1st December, 1871.

NOTICE:

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FIFTEEN and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz.—

Not exceeding 1 month 1/4 of the annual rate
Above 1 month 1/3 1/4 do. do.
and not exceed 3 months 1/2 1/3 do. do.
Above 3 months 1/4 1/3 do. do.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents Imperial Fire Insurance Company,
14 675 Hongkong, 13th August, 1869.

YANG-TSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against fire to the extent of 200,000, on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

NORTON LYALL & CO.
14 341 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

Business Announcements

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS and of BOOKS kept in numbers by
Messrs. THÜNER & CO.,
80, PATERNOSTER ROW, LONDON.

Orders will be received by
W. H. BELL,
Daily Press Office.

AND

Messrs. LANE, C. CRAWFORD & CO.,
Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ALCOCK.—A Practical Grammar of the Japanese Language. By Sir Rutherford Alcock, the English and French Translations for the use of Students. By Sir Rutherford Alcock. 8vo. pp. viii, and 97, new ed. Paris and London, 1870.

ALCOCK.—Familiar Dialogues in Japanese, with English and French Translations, for the use of Students. By Sir Rutherford Alcock. 8vo. pp. viii, and 97, new ed. Paris and London, 1870.

ALCOCK.—A Familiar and Elementary Handbook of the Chinese Language, accompanied by a collection of Chinese Proverbs, selected and translated by Mr. Marcellin Legrand, engravings by the Imperial Printing Office at Paris. 8vo. pp. 160, 1870.

BEDDOE.—A Guide to the Chinese Language, with a Grammar, and a Vocabulary of the Chinese and English Languages. By J. C. E. Beddoe. 8vo. pp. xii, and 660, cloth, Shanghai, 1870.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.
14 169 Hongkong, 26th December, 1870.

THE LIVERPOOL AND BOMBAY TRADES INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against fire to all parts of the world, and certain risks.

In addition to the usual risks, this Association now returns to all policy holders One-third of yearly profits on Insurance business, divided pro rata to the net premium contributed.

RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents,
14 169 Hongkong, 26th December, 1870.

Business Announcements

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the world, and certain risks.

In addition to the usual risks, this Association now returns to all policy holders One-third of yearly profits on Insurance business, divided pro rata to the net premium contributed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.
14 169 Hongkong, 26th December, 1870.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding 25,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.
14 169 Hongkong, 1st November, 1870.

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE OF LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Policies against fire at current rates.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, 4, Praya,
14 159 Hongkong, 26th August, 1870.

COMPAGNIE LYONNAISE D'ASSURANCES MARITIMES.

Société anonyme, libra au Capital de 6,000,000 de francs (un quart millier).

THIS Company, being associated for purposes of Marine Insurance in the Far East, with the

LEON FRANCOIS, Capital of 6,000,000 francs, Agents, 14 159 Hongkong, 26th August, 1870.

Insurance, Capital of..... 5,000,000 francs.

Offers to the Assured the Security of a collective Capital of..... 17,000,000 francs.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future for the insurance against Fire of SHORT PERIOD Insurances, Not exceeding 10 days 1/4 of the annual rate. Not exceeding 1 month 1/3 1/4 do. do. Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months 1/2 1/3 do. do. Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months 1/4 do. do.

NORTON, LYALL & CO.,
Agents, The Queen Insurance Company, 14 242 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

NOTICE.—For further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurance.

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-houses removed from town, 1 per cent. and their contents..... 1 per cent.

Other dwelling-Houses, undividedly by such, and their contents..... 1 per cent.

Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents..... 1 per cent.

OLYMPIAN & CO.,
Agents Imperial Fire Insurance Company, 14 237 Hongkong, 7th December, 1869.

NOTICE.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, at current rates.

HOBSON & CO.,
Agents, 14 159 Hongkong, 26th August, 1870.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice, viz.—

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses (removed from town) 1 per cent. and their contents..... 1 per cent.

Other Dwelling-Houses (similarly situated) and their contents..... 1 per cent.

Offices and Godowns and their contents..... 1 per cent.

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ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

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HOBSON & CO.,
Agents, 14 159 Hongkong, 26th August, 1870.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

FOR Insuring Houses and other Buildings.

Established 1821.

And empowered by special Act of Parliament.

Subscribed Capital £30,000,000, Sterling. Total invested Funds upwards of 2,750,000 " Annual Income..... 320,000 "

THE Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to take risks against Fire, on the usual terms.

OLYMPIAN & CO.,
Agents Imperial Fire Insurance Company, 14 237 Hongkong, 7th December, 1869.

NOTICE.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to all parts of the world, and certain risks.

HOBSON & CO.,
Agents, 14 159 Hongkong, 26th August, 1870.

PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$60,000 on any one Fire.

Class Risk.

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HOBSON & CO.,
Agents,